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Nationally, corn production is forecast at 14.8 billion bushels, up 2 percent from August and up 2 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at a record 4.69 billion bushels, up 2 percent from August and up 7 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 19.7 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from August but down 6 percent from last year.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the September Crop Production

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 40.7 million bushels, up 4 percent from 2017. Yield is forecast at a record high 173 bushels per acre. Cotton acreage is revised up to 510,000 planted and 505,000 harvested with production forecasted at 1.10 million bales, up 36 percent from 2017. If realized, this will be the second highest production on record and the highest yield at 1,041 pounds per acre. Peanut acreage is revised up to 165,000 acres with production forecasted at 652 million pounds, down 7 percent from 2017. If realized, the yield at 4,000 pounds per acre ties for the record high. Soybean production at 15.6 million bushels is down 2 percent from last year.

Florida: Cotton acreage is revised up to 118,000 planted and 116,000 harvested with production forecasted at 220,000 bales, up 42 percent from 2017. Peanut acreage is revised down to 155,000 planted and 146,000 harvested. Production is forecast down 9 percent from last year at 599 million pounds while yield is forecast at a record high 4,100 pounds per acre. Sugarcane production is forecast at 16.9 million tons, down less than one percent from 2017. Strawberry production is forecast at 2.5 million cwt, up 3 percent from last year.

Georgia: Corn for grain production is forecast at 51.9 million bushels, up 20 percent from 2017. Cotton acreage is revised down to 1,430,000 planted and 1,420,000 harvested with production forecasted at 2.80 million bales, up 26 percent from 2017. Peanut acreage is revised down to 665,000 planted and 655,000 harvested with production forecasted at 2.95 billion pounds, down 18 percent from 2017. Yield is forecast at 4,500 pounds per acre. Soybeans production at 7.60 million bushels is up 21 percent from last year. Spring onion production is forecast at 2.8 million cwt, down 27 percent from 2017's record high production.

South Carolina: Coming off a record high yield last year, corn for grain production is forecast at 38.4 million bushels, down 13 percent from 2017. Cotton acreage is revised up to 300,000 planted and 298,000 harvested with production at 550,000 bales, a 17 percent increase from last year. Peanut acreage is revised down to 87,000 planted and 84,000 harvested with production forecasted at 319 million pounds, a 32 percent decrease from 2017. Soybean production at 13.1 million bushels is an 11 percent decrease from last year.

Onion Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production — State and United States: 2017 and Forecasted 2018

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Georgia	11,600	11,600	10,700	10,800	360.0	260.0	3,852.0	2,808.0
United States	143,200	143,300	138,000	138,400	532.3	505.8	73,460.0	69,997.5

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Vegetables*, August 2018

Strawberry Area Harvested, Yield, and Production — State and United States: 2017 and Forecasted 2018

[Includes fresh market and processing]

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Florida.....	10,700	9,900	225.0	250.0	2,407.5	2,475.0
United States	52,700	49,920	607.0	636.3	31,991.5	31,764.9

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Vegetables*, August 2018

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2017 and Forecasted 2018

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018		2017	2018
						August 1	September 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹ (bushels)									
Alabama.....	250	250	235	235	167.0	170.0	173.0	39,245	40,655
Florida ²	75	80	37		161.0			5,957	
Georgia.....	290	360	245	305	176.0	173.0	170.0	43,120	51,850
South Carolina	350	330	325	310	136.0	127.0	124.0	44,200	38,440
United States	90,167	89,128	82,703	81,770	176.6	178.4	181.3	14,604,067	14,826,690
Cotton, all ³ .. (bales)									
Alabama.....	435.0	510.0	430.0	505.0	902	1,000	1,041	808.0	1,095.0
Florida.....	99.0	118.0	98.0	116.0	759	935	910	155.0	220.0
Georgia.....	1,280.0	1,430.0	1,270.0	1,420.0	841	967	946	2,225.0	2,800.0
South Carolina	250.0	300.0	248.0	298.0	912	930	886	471.0	550.0
United States	12,612.5	14,042.0	11,100.4	10,554.4	905	911	895	20,922.5	19,682.0
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	195.0	165.0	193.0	163.0	3,650	4,000	4,000	704,450	652,000
Florida.....	195.0	155.0	186.0	146.0	3,550	4,000	4,100	660,300	598,600
Georgia.....	835.0	665.0	825.0	655.0	4,380	4,500	4,500	3,613,500	2,947,500
South Carolina	122.0	87.0	118.0	84.0	4,000	3,800	3,800	472,000	319,200
United States	1,870.6	1,426.5	1,775.6	1,387.5	4,074	4,167	4,151	7,233,600	5,759,950
Soybeans.. (bushels)									
Alabama.....	350	360	345	355	46.0	48.0	44.0	15,870	15,620
Florida ²	15	15	14		34.0			476	
Georgia.....	155	200	150	190	42.0	38.0	40.0	6,300	7,600
South Carolina ..	400	420	390	410	38.0	37.0	32.0	14,820	13,120
United States	90,142	89,557	89,522	88,862	49.1	51.6	52.8	4,391,553	4,693,135
Sugarcane ⁴ ... (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	412.7	413.0	41.1	41.4	40.8	16,942	16,850
United States	(NA)	(NA)	904.1	923.0	36.8	35.8	35.5	33,238	32,746
Tobacco.... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	12.5	12.5	2,100	2,100	1,800	26,250	22,500
South Carolina	(NA)	(NA)	12.0	12.0	2,100	1,800	1,800	25,200	21,600
United States	(NA)	(NA)	321.5	305.0	2,209	2,130	2,088	710,161	636,772

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2018 Summary*, released January 2019.

³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, September 2018